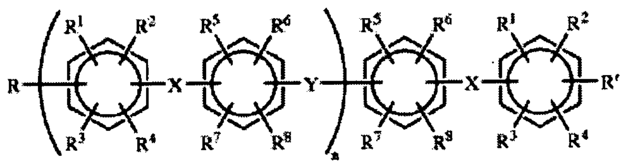
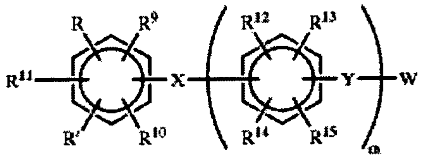
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A proton conductive composition comprising a heteropolyacid and a polyarylene having a sulfonic group prepared by a process comprising reacting a monomer of formula (A) with at least one monomer (B) selected from formulas (B-1) to (B-4);

(A)



(B-1)



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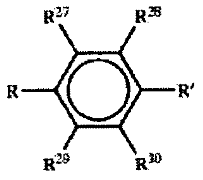

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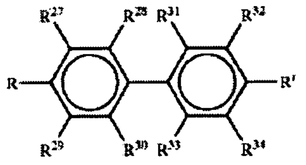

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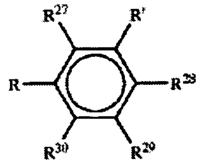


wherein in the formula (A), R and R', which may be the same or different, are independently a halogen atom other than a fluorine atom or an --OSO_2Z group, wherein Z is an alkyl group, a fluorine-substituted alkyl group or an aryl group;

R^1 to R^8, which may be the same or different, are independently at least one atom or group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl, a fluorine-substituted alkyl, an allyl and an aryl group;

X is a divalent electron attracting group;

Y is a divalent electron donating group; and

wherein in the formulas (B-1) to (B-4), R and R', may be the same or different and denote the same groups as defined in the formula (A);

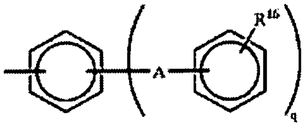
R^9 to R^{15}, which may be the same or different, are independently at least one atom or group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group, a sulfonic group and an alkylsulfonic group;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

X is a divalent electron attracting group;

Y is a divalent electron donating group;

W is at least one group selected from the group consisting of a phenyl group, a naphthyl group and groups represented formulas (C-1) to (C-3):



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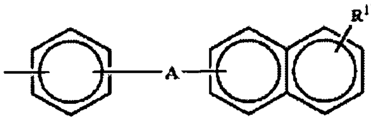

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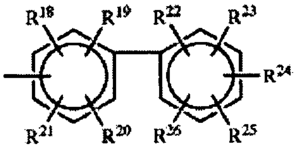

(C-3)

wherein A denotes a divalent electron donating group or a single bond

R^{16} and R^{17} are independently an atom or a group selected from a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group and an aryl group;

R^{18} to R^{26}, which may be the same or different, are independently at least one atom or group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom and an alkyl group; ~~and~~

q is 0 or 1; and

wherein the heteropolyacid is contained in an amount of 1 to 50 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the polyarylene having a sulfonic group.

2. (Original) The proton conductive composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heteropolyacid has a proton conductivity.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Withdrawn) A proton conductive membrane comprising the proton conductive composition of any one of claims 1 to 3.